

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting of 30 March 2005 at 7:00 PM. The meeting took place in the Court Room, Town and County Building, Nantucket, MA 02554. Members of the Board present were Bruce Watts, Douglas Bennett, Timothy Soverino, Michael Glowacki and Robert F. Murphy. Chairman Soverino called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Public Comment. Nantucket residents John McLaughlin and Frank Spriggs thanked Mr. Murphy for his three years of service on the Board.

Nantucket resident Richard Cooper asked if the Board has had any response from the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (DFW) with regard to the Board's request to end the February deer hunt. Town Administrator Libby Gibson responded in the negative. Mr. Cooper stated he is worried the next "hunting abstract" will be printed (providing information about the February hunt) before action is taken to officially end this hunt. Nantucket resident Carol Black asked the Board to send a follow-up letter noting their concern about hunting abstracts listing a hunt on Nantucket in February.

Approval of Payroll Warrant for Week Ending 27 March 2005. Mr. Bennett moved approval; seconded by Mr. Watts. So voted.

Approval of Treasury Warrant and Pending Contracts for Week Ending 30 March 2005. Mr. Watts moved approval; seconded by Mr. Bennett. So voted.

Public Hearing to Consider New Application for Liquor Licensee for Entertainment License/Cinco. Chairman Soverino opened the hearing and asked if any individual was present who wished to speak in favor of, or in opposition to the application. Michael Sturgis, proprietor of the establishment, spoke in favor. As no individual spoke in opposition, Chairman Soverino closed the hearing. Mr. Murphy moved to approve the application for a new entertainment license; seconded by Mr. Watts. So voted.

Nantucket Electric Company: Request for Approval of Waiver from Noise Bylaw for up to Two Weeks for Work Relating to Underground Cable Installation. Dave Fredericks, representing Nantucket Electric and William Dawes, representing the cable installation contractor, were present and presented a proposed map of the street closures and proposed interim truck route. Mr. Fredericks stated that the contractor would like to work "round the clock" so as to minimize the amount of time vehicular traffic will be impacted. After a brief discussion, Mr. Murphy moved to approve a waiver of the noise bylaw for two weeks so the contractor can work 24 hours a day, beginning April 3, 2005; seconded by Mr. Watts. So voted.

Nantucket Historical Association: Request for Wine Auction Permit on May 21, 2005 at White Elephant in Connection with Wine Festival. Mr. Watts moved to approve a request for a wine auction permit for the Nantucket Historical Association to hold an auction on Saturday, May 21, 2005 at the White Elephant Hotel; seconded by Mr. Bennett. So voted.

Selectmen's Reports/Comments

Stabilization Fund Policy (continued from March 16, 2005) Mr. Bennett noted that, after meeting with a "major CEO" who gave him "great information," he endorses the Stabilization Fund Policy, Minutes of the Meeting of 30 March 2005 – 7:00 PM

as revised. Finance Director Connie Voges stated that the Finance Committee has not yet taken a formal vote on the policy but the revisions reflect the Finance Committee's recommended changes. Mr. Watts moved to adopt the Stabilization Fund Policy, as amended; seconded by Mr. Bennett. So voted unanimously.

Discussion Regarding Surfside Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade Project Funding Options (continued from March 23, 2005). Earth Tech consultant John Daniels provided a chart displaying how the Surfside Wastewater Treatment Facility (SWWTF) upgrade project may be funded, as well as future wastewater, stormwater and collection projects. Mr. Daniels discussed the methodology used to allocate the costs of expansion versus the upgrade for the SWWTF stating the Board of Selectmen has the authority to recover costs for any wastewater project by collecting taxes or fees. Mr. Daniels explained three options: 1) 50/50 tax base and sewer users; 2) 100% tax base, and 3) 100% sewer users. Mr. Murphy expressed his opinion that as much of the expansion costs for the SWWTF as possible should be placed on the new users to minimize the impact on current users and taxpayers, and maximize the impact to new connections. Mr. Bennett supported Mr. Murphy's recommendation. Town Counsel DeRensis stated that the Town cannot finance a bond for something that is not in place (i.e. future connections). Mr. DeRensis continued that privilege fees can be charged, when the connections are made.

Tom Nevers resident Nancy Wheatly (noting that the 2,800 new connections Mr. Murphy is referring to are in the sewer district and there are 700 properties outside the sewer district, i.e. needs areas), asked Mr. DeRensis if there is a different way to collect from those two separate types of properties. Some discussion followed concerning this issue. Tom Nevers resident Dual Macintyre suggested only funding the upgrade of the treatment facility at this time and postponing the expansion. Mr. Watts and Chairman Soverino disagreed. Mr. Glowacki noted that the low interest state loan is predicated on expanding the amount of inflow that can be treated. After additional discussion, Mr. Murphy moved to ask Town financial consultant Mark Abrahams to provide projections and explore options and funding mechanisms to charge new users as much as possible for the SWWTF upgrade and expansion; seconded by Mr. Glowacki. So voted.

At 8:50 PM, Chairman Soverino polled the Board and Mr. Watts, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Glowacki, Mr. Bennett and Chairman Soverino voted unanimously to adjourn to Executive Session, not to return to Open Session, for the purpose of discussing real estate disposition and non-union contract negotiations.

Approved the 11th day of May 2005.